



Creating Linkages : California Accountable Communities for Health

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What's an ACH?

- An Accountable Community for Health is a *multi-payer, multi-sector alliance* of major health care systems, providers, and health plans, along with public health, key community and social services organizations, schools, and other partners serving a particular geographic area.
- An ACH is *responsible for improving the health of the entire community*, with particular attention to achieving greater health equity among its residents.

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Accountable Community for Health

- Healthcare system partnership with **community coalition**
- Focus: community priorities for health
- ROI = cost savings/benefits in multiple sectors of community, may be long term

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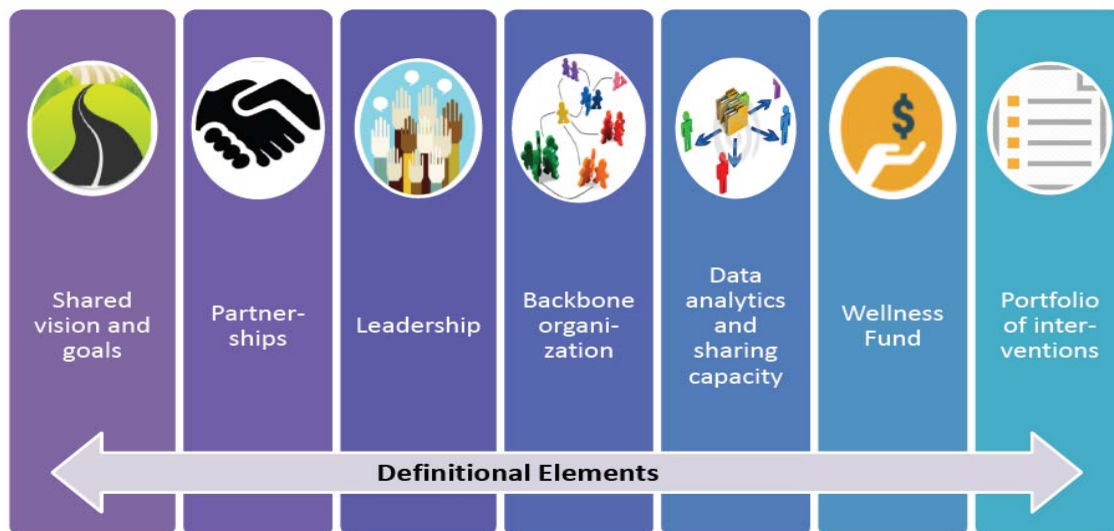
Accountable Health Community

- **Healthcare system** partnership with community coalition
- Focus: disease specific interventions with adjunctive non-medical services
- ROI = healthcare cost savings, 3 years

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Funding

Direct funding to CAHCI

- California Endowment
- Blue Shield Foundation of California
- Kaiser Permanente

Technical support

- California Health and Human Services Agency CDPH

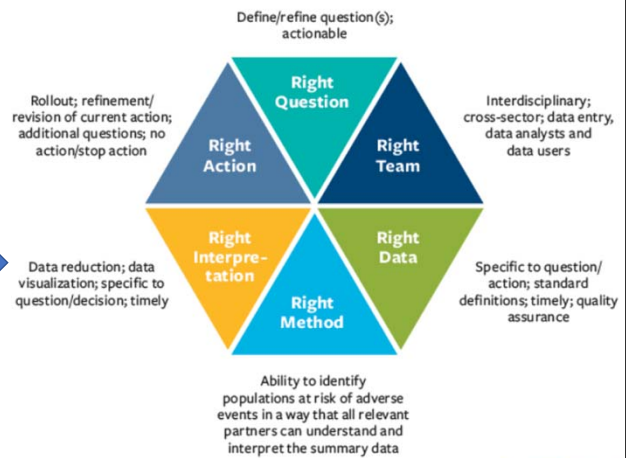
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California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative: Data Toolkit

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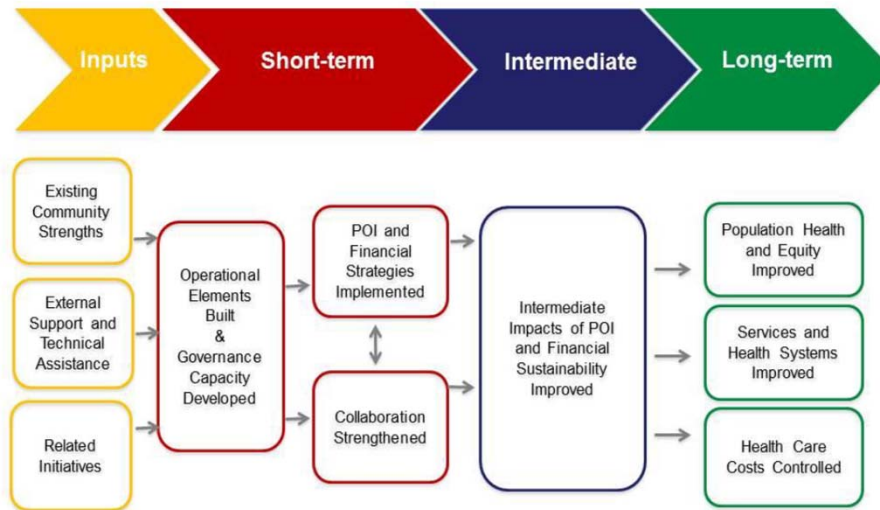
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California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative: Evaluation Framework



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Challenges and Successes

Implementation

- Governance
- Wellness fund
- Data exchange

Momentum

- Capacity building
- Strengthening commitment
- Outcome measurement
- Enthusiasm

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Thank you!